

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus comprising:

~~an apparatus main body;~~

~~a supporting member arranged with a longitudinal direction thereof directing in a direction intersecting with an up and down direction and with a basal part thereof supported on said apparatus main body, having a basal end part rotatably disposed at an upper end of a supporting column; and~~

~~a plurality of umbrella retaining locks disposed, side by side, on along at least one side part of said the supporting member; and along said longitudinal direction of said supporting member and adapted to retain a part to be retained of the umbrella;~~

~~a cosmetic cover rotatable between an open position and a closed position, wherein the cosmetic cover, when in the open position, allows the supporting member to rotate between a use position and a receipt position, and when in the closed position, covers the supporting member in the receipt position;~~

~~wherein, when the support member is in the receipt position, at least one of the umbrella retaining locks attaches to the supporting column.~~

~~wherein the basal end part of said supporting member is rotatably supported on said apparatus main body about a horizontal axis between a use position where the longitudinal direction of said supporting member is directed in a direction intersecting with the up and down direction and a receipt position where the distal end part is located generally downward of the basal end part and the entire supporting member is disposed generally along said apparatus main body, said apparatus main body is rotatably provided with a cosmetic cover, said cosmetic cover can rotate between an open position and a closed position, said cosmetic cover, when located in the open position, allows said supporting member to rotate between the use position and the receipt position and when located in the closed position, covers said supporting member located in the receiving position and said umbrella retaining lock in co-action with said apparatus main body.~~

2. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ~~apparatus main body~~ the supporting column comprises a pair of opposing side parts, is provided at least at one side part thereof with a reference plane directing in an arrangement direction ~~orthogonal to an up and down direction and a longitudinal direction of said supporting member,~~ and said reference plane is arranged to be separated by a predetermined distance or more in the arrangement direction from said umbrella retaining lock.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus comprising:
  - ~~an apparatus main body,~~
  - a plurality of supporting members arranged ~~with a longitudinal direction thereof directing in a direction intersecting with an up and down direction and with~~ having basal end parts thereof supported on said an apparatus main body, wherein the supporting members extend in a direction substantially normal to the longitudinal direction of the apparatus main body; and
  - a plurality of umbrella retaining locks disposed, ~~side by side, on~~ along at least one side parts part of said the supporting members ~~along said longitudinal direction of said supporting member~~ and each adapted to retain a part-to-be-retained of the an umbrella[[,]]; ~~and said supporting members are mutually spacedly arranged in the horizontal a direction, and~~
  - wherein a gap is formed between said mutually adjacent two supporting members and extends in the longitudinal direction of the supporting members; and an extension part of said gap downward by a predetermined distance are open forward in the longitudinal direction of said supporting members, and
  - ~~wherein said plurality of supporting members are arranged in mutually parallel relation,~~
  - wherein said the apparatus main body comprises a pair of opposing side parts, is provided at least at one side part thereof in the separation direction of said plurality of supporting members with a reference plane directing toward the outside in the separation direction, said reference plane is arranged to be separated outward by a predetermined distance or more from said umbrella

~~retaining lock adjacent the inner side in the separation direction with respect to said reference plane.~~

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein ~~said the~~ apparatus main body ~~includes~~ comprises a plurality of first supporting column parts ~~mutually spacedly arranged on a horizontal straight line and vertically erected~~, and a plurality of second supporting column parts, ~~arranged in opposing relation on a straight line parallel to said straight line on which said plurality of supporting column parts are arranged and vertically erected, and~~ wherein the basal end parts and the distal end parts of said ~~the~~ supporting members are supported on ~~said mutually opposing the first~~ supporting column parts and said ~~the~~ second supporting column parts, respectively.

8. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 7, wherein ~~at least an upper part of a gap is formed~~ between said mutually adjacent second supporting column parts ~~is open forward and extends~~ in the longitudinal direction of said ~~the~~ supporting members.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein ~~said the~~ apparatus main body ~~includes~~ comprises two parallel supporting column parts ~~arranged to be separated from each other in the horizontal direction and with their longitudinal direction directing in the up and down direction~~ and a retaining member, wherein ~~whose opposite end parts of the retaining member in the longitudinal direction are supported by said the two supporting column parts, respectively, and the said plurality of supporting members are arranged to be separated from each other in the longitudinal direction of said spaced along the retaining member, and the basal end parts of said the supporting members are retained by said the retaining member.~~

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ umbrella retaining lock ~~includes~~ locks are comprised of:

a lock main body attached to a side part of said ~~the~~ supporting member, ~~and formed in a front surface part thereof facing sideward of said supporting member with the lock main body having a receiving recess extending upward and downward and open opening sideward of said the supporting member, and the receiving recess having a depth direction normal to the longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and~~

a lock member disposed at within the said lock main body such that said ~~the~~ lock member is ~~displaceable~~ moveable between a releasing position and a locking position,

wherein said ~~the~~ lock member, when ~~located~~ in the releasing position, ~~allowing~~ allows a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be ~~brought~~ moved in and out of said ~~the~~ receiving recess through said ~~an~~ opening part, and when ~~located~~ in the locking position, ~~prohibiting~~ prohibits removal of the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella ~~from escaping from said the receiving recess through said the opening part[.].~~

~~and a deepest part of said receiving recess is offset toward the longitudinal direction of said supporting member with respect to a central part of said opening part of said receiving recess.~~

13. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ umbrella retaining lock ~~includes~~ locks are comprised of:

a lock main body attached to a side part of said ~~the~~ supporting member, ~~and formed in a front surface part thereof facing sideward of said supporting member with the lock main body having a receiving recess extending upward and downward and open opening sideward of said the supporting member, and the receiving recess having a depth direction inclined relative to the longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and~~

a lock member disposed at within the said lock main body such that said ~~the~~ lock member is ~~displaceable~~ moveable between a releasing position and a locking position,

~~wherein said the~~ lock member, when ~~located~~ in the releasing position, ~~allowing~~ allows a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be brought moved in and out of said ~~the~~ receiving recess through said an opening part, and when ~~located~~ in the locking position, ~~prohibiting~~ prohibits removal of the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from-escaping from said ~~the~~ receiving recess through said ~~the~~ opening part[.].  
~~and a depth direction of said receiving recess is inclined with respect to the longitudinal direction of said supporting member so that the depth of said receiving recess becomes deeper from one end side in the longitudinal direction of said supporting member toward the other end.~~

14. -19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said ~~the~~ umbrella retaining ~~lock includes~~ locks are comprised of:

a lock main body attached to a side part of said ~~the~~ supporting member, ~~and formed in a front surface part thereof facing sideward of said supporting member with the lock main body having~~ a receiving recess ~~extending upward and downward and open~~ opening sideward of said ~~the~~ supporting member, and the receiving recess having a depth direction normal to the longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and

a lock member disposed at within the said lock main body such that said ~~the~~ lock member is ~~displaceable~~ moveable between a releasing position and a locking position,

~~wherein said the~~ lock member, when ~~located~~ in the releasing position, ~~allowing~~ allows a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be brought moved in and out of said ~~the~~ receiving recess through said an opening part, and when ~~located~~ in the locking position, ~~prohibiting~~ prohibits removal of the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from-escaping from said ~~the~~ receiving recess through said ~~the~~ opening part[.].  
~~and a deepest part of said receiving recess is offset toward the longitudinal direction of said supporting member with respect to a central part of said opening part of said receiving recess.~~

21. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein ~~said the~~ umbrella retaining ~~lock includes~~ locks are comprised of:

a lock main body attached to a side part of ~~said the~~ supporting member, ~~and formed in a front surface part thereof facing sideward of said supporting member with the lock main body having a receiving recess extending upward and downward and open opening sideward of said the supporting member, and the receiving recess having a depth direction inclined relative to the longitudinal direction of the supporting member, and~~

a lock member disposed at within the ~~said~~ lock main body such that ~~said the~~ lock member is ~~displaceable~~ moveable between a releasing position and a locking position,

wherein ~~said the~~ lock member, when ~~located~~ in the releasing position, ~~allowing~~ allows a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be ~~brought~~ moved in and out of ~~said the~~ receiving recess through ~~said an~~ opening part, and when ~~located~~ in the locking position, ~~prohibiting~~ prohibits removal of the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella ~~from escaping from said the receiving recess through said the opening part[.].~~

~~and a depth direction of said receiving recess is inclined with respect to the longitudinal direction of said supporting member so that the depth of said receiving recess becomes deeper from one end side in the longitudinal direction of said supporting member toward the other end.~~

22.-24. (Cancelled)